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1. IN A HARDHITTING ARTICLE, A MAY 19 PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTATOR CONDEMNED THE SOVIET AND CUBAN BACKED INVASION OF ZAIRE'S SHABA PROVINCE AS A "NEW CRIME COMMITTED BY SOVIET SOCIALIST-IMPERIALISM" AGAINST ZAIRE AND AFRICA. THE COMMENTATOR CONCLUDES: "THE NEW EXPANSIONIST OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BY THE SOVIET UNION IN AFRICA WILL CERTAINLY STRENGTHEN AFRICAN UNITY AGAINST HEGEMONISM AND THE UNITED FRONT OF THE WHOLE WORLD..." PRC FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA TOLD THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR MAY 17 THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE "FIRMLY SUPPORT" ZAIRE IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO "REPULSE THE SOVIET-CUBAN MERCENAIRES" WHO HAVE INVADED THE SHABA REGION. HUANG'S STATEMENT WAS CARRIED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE MAY 19 PEOPLE'S DAILY.. NCNA ALSO REPORTS THAT PRES. MOBUTO SESE SEKO BRIEFED THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR ON THE CURRENT SITUATION. NCNA CONTINUES TO REPLAY A LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS
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CRITICIZING THE INVASION, INCLUDING REPORTS OF THE US DECISION TO SPEEK UP ARMS DELIVERIES TO ZAIRE (CARRIED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY MAY 19).

2. ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU LEFT CANTON MAY 18 FOR A BRIEF STOPOVER IN HANGCHOW BEFORE RETURNING TO PEKING MAY 19. HE WILL LEAVE PEKING EARLY ON MAY 20 FOR NORTH KOREA.

3. VICE PREMIER KU MU AND HIS ECONOMIC DELEGATION
ARRIVED IN BRUSSELS MAY 18 AFTER LEAVING SWITZERLAND.

4. THE PRC MEDIA HAVE BEGUN TO REPLAY FOREIGN PRESS COMMENTARY
FAVORABLE TO THE US SENATE'S APPROVAL OF THE MIDEAST ARMS SALE.

5. THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION'S CHEMISTRY
DELEGATION WAS GIVEN A BANQUET MAY 18, HOSTED CHOU PEI-YUAN,
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. USLO IS GIVING
A RECEPTION FOR THE DELEGATION MAY 19 TOGETHER WITH A CHINESE
CHEMISTRY GROUP GOING TO THE UNITED STATES MAY 24.
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